A good stiff breeze will help the planes materially to get off the water, as by heading into it they do not need to skim over the water with speed as is necessary on a calm The maximum weight carried by any of the planes during the tests at Rockaway was 28,000 pounds, but it is understood that the flight was -the load available for carrying men, supplies and fuel - is 13,700, if the planes succeed in getting off the water

with this much overweight. The four motors of the NC ships will burn approximately 650 gallons of with what seemed to the aching sailors rasolene an hour at the start, but by as unholy glee. Every guy rope he time they reach the Azores one or snapped. Lieut, Little gave a tug at the time they reach the Azores one or barely turning over-while the other two will be consuming only about \$60 hand as the gust struck the airship. the much lighter ships through the air. The weight of gasolene carried at the start will probably be more than 11,-000 pounds, while the weight of the crews and provisions will be 1,000 pounds. Nine hundred pounds of lubricating oil will be carried on each plane.

The apparent start of the naval seaaroused almost hysterical cheers from the Newfoundlanders lined along the shores of the bay and from have served the seaplanes. All knew that despite the destroyers at fifty mile intervals the twelve men on board the two ships were playing a risky game in attempting to fly 1,200 nautical miles, a feat never before accom-

### How the Start Was Made.

The NC-1, commanded by Lieut. Commander P. N. L. Bellinger, the veteran of the NC fleet started down the harbor first, at 5:04, and the NC-3, flagship of the NC division, followed eighteen minutes later, with Com-Towers in the forward cockpit and Commander H. C. Richardon and Lieut. David McCullough at the controls. They disappeared from view as they whizzed over the surface, their noses tilting upward, but their sterns obstinately clinging to the water. A short time later both re-turned and stopped near the mother turned and stopped near the number of the stopped near the number of the

coaring into view, reuniting the three seaplanes and making it likely that trio instead of a couple of seaplanes will head for the Azores to-morrow. The two scapianes then returned to their

much time to repair, but nevertheless

tall, she whizzed through the air at the coast line to Cape Breton. ninety-nine land miles an hour. The seaplane did not leave the side

the tender Baltimore at Hallfax until 9:45 A. M. and then cruised about the water for a few minutes before actually taking the air on the long trip.

# Attempt Was a Surprise,

favorable." He at that time made no announcement concerning the flight, but the inference was that he would not start. At 5 o'clock, however, signs of activity were seen aboard the big planes. They were brought to the stern of the Aroostook to permit the heating of their plubricating mechanism by steam. This was to make the circulation of the oil

destroyer Buchanan, whose station is 150 miles from this end of the transatiantic route, steamed into port to-day to land a sick member of her There are several destroyers in reserve along the route, and one of these had taken the Buchanan's place

Beyond the loading aboard the seaplanes of coffee and sandwiches and a few shouts of farewell, the start of the NC ships will differ in no way from the start of a trial hop of ten minutes dura-tion. Absolutely no ceremony will take place, but a swarm of motor launches and a small scaplane will travel a short way with them by way of unofficial

## SEAPLANES MAY GO ON BIG DASH TO-DAY Officials Believe All Three Will Start Together.

WASHINGTON, May 15 .- The failure of the seaplanes NC-1 and NC-3 to get started on the transatlantic flight today caused no apprehension among naval officials here.

It was confidently expected that the Azores some time Saturday afternoon.

The efforts of Commander Towers and
Lieut. Commander Bellinger to get the
NC-1 and NC-3 into the air to-day to

New York of St. John's Narrows.

"Rising about 500 feet above Signal Hill we located the field which we concluded was a state of the state o begin the flight to Europe probably were in the nature of an experimental start, officers here said, although had the machines succeeded in lifting the heavy loads they carried, without question they would have proceeded.

The first necessity for a successful flight to Europe, it was pointed out, is that the planes should have the greatest possible supply of fuel for their engines. With a rated maximum fuel ca-pacity of more than 2,000 pounds, there remained a "factor of safety" in the specifications of the vessels, and it is be-lived Commander Towers is encroaching upon this to increase the amount of fuel

His purpose is believed to be to get into air with enough gasolene in the tanks to make his vessels just able to rise and no more. Their load will decrease with every moment of their flight. as the engines burn up the gasolene, and they thus will be safe in air with any weight they are able to lift from the surface of the water.

Officers here who have been in closest Officers here who have been in closest touch with the plans and difficulties of the flight have counted upon at least one false start and are convinced that the machines will get away to-morrow afternoon, weather permitting.

The arrival of the NC-4 however, may be a supplementation of the NC-4 however, may be a supplementation of the NC-4 however.

persuade Commander Towers to wait even another day until that boat can be made fully ready and the original group of three planes make the start to-gether.

# **ESCAPED DIRIGIBLE**

ruly dirigible ride out the gale at the end of longer lines, but before this to-day with 28,800 pounds total could be done the rigging on the front weight. The weight of the flying boat of the nacelle gave way, Lieut. Charles elf with its navigating instruments G. Little, in charge of the landing is 15,100 pounds, so that the usual load party from the Chicago, decided to deflate the envelope, and accordingly ordered the mechanics in the car to get out. He climbed in himself and made his way toward the rip cord. Then came a wild gust of wind, shricking motors will be idling-that is the rip cord and then another more vigorously. The cord snapped in his ounds of fuel an hour in propelling He leaped from the car as the dirigible shot upward. Spectators gauged the height from which he sprang as thirty feet. He sprained one ankle badly and was severely shaken up. The log of the airship was saved by Chief Machinist's Mate Crampton as he jumped out of the car just before Little.

Lightened by the jumps of the two men the dirigible leaped upward into the full strength of the breeze and went drifting seaward. As soon as the news of the mishap reached the Chicago her wireless snapped out a command to the destroyer Edwards, which had come to ment to take aboard ten aeronautical experts to advise him, the commander of the destroyer sent his little craft streaking after the dirigible, which was readed northeast. She was on her way ifteen minutes after the accident.

### Commander Tells of Flight.

Lieut-Commander Coil and his ass Lieut. Commander Coil and his asso-ciates, Lieut. Lawrence, Lieut. (j. g.) E. O. Campbell, coxswain; Ensign M. H. Easterly, radio operator, and Chief Ma-chinist's Mates G. H. Blackburn and T. L. Mooreman, engineers, fully expected that they would start upon the transthat they would start upon the train atlantic flight as soon if not sooner than their brother officers and friendly rivals of the heavier than air section of the navy—the NC voyagers. All that remained to be done was the refilling of the hydrogen bag, a routine inspect

ships, apparently for the purpose of Besieged by newspaper men, Com-getting rid of some of the excess fuel mander Coll narrated the flight of the low flying NC-4 then came dirigible much as another man woul "At 8 o'clock yesterday morning we left Montauk Point, shaping our course

hrough Long Island Sound to Chatham, Cape Cod," he said. "Then we put out o sea, going outside Massachusetts Bay and heading for Cape Sable on the Nova A hasty examination of the NC-4 by Scotlan coast. We had favorable winds for motor which would require much time to reasts. We had favorable winds and the moderate breeze which had been on our tail since the start gradually interested as we hadden to be a support of the start gradually interested as we hadden. creased as we headed seaward.
"Our first landfall on this leg of the journey after leaving the point of Cape

much time to repair, but nevertheless mechanics immediately set to work going over the jinx plane of the division literally inch by inch. Commander Read greeted his chief on board the Aroostook.

The NC-4 did not equal the speed she made yesterday from Chatham, with a favorable breeze on her tall, she whitzsed through the air at all, she whitzsed through the air at all she whitzsed through the air at all she whitzsed through the speed the coast line to Cape Breton.

"The moonlight was good at this stage of the journey and we could see land for many miles. At 10:30 P. M. we were on our way toward the islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, south of places in the United States for a sh Newfoundland. We set a course for the dimensions of the British glant. The attempted start of the two seaplanes was somewhat of a surprise, for
Commander Towers had announced after
a conference with his transatiantic voyagers shortly after noon that reports of
weather conditions on this end of the
course to the Azores were "not highly
fouraghle". He at that time made no

was to make the circulation of the oil pterm at 5:20 A M. The next land more certain and more rapid at the sighted was the west end of Placentia start of the flight, when the engines.

Stiff and cold, will be most in need of oil.

New propellers were installed on both planes.

The destroyer Buchapan whose start of the contemplated reaching when our course was set from Cape Breton coast and later from St. Plerre.

"The exact location of the ship unknown to us, but knowing that we were off the southeastern coast of New-foundland the ship continued eastward. Crossing the deep inlet (Placentia Bay). the shore on the east side directly ahead of us was seen and we realized that we were crossing Placentia Bay. Soon after this we made Cape Pine, recognizing the headland. We then shaped our course easterly for St. John's, but being some-what uncertain as to its actual situation we swerved inland and after some little time of uncertainty we spotted the railroad track about fifty miles inland from the city. We proceeded at better speed toward our destination. Thirty miles west of St. John's we made a descent over the village of Brigus June. descent over the village of Brigus June tion and communicated with the resi-dents there. They informed us that St. John's lay eastward and in the direc-

tion in which the ship was heading.
"From that time onward to our destination no difficulty was experienced and no misgivings were entertained. We finished the voyage at good speed, having the shores of Conception Bay in sight for thirty minutes, and turning inland at Topsail, a point twelve miles west of St. John's, we sighted the Mount Pearl wireless station. Then the city of St. John's began to loom in sight. We were in wireless communication with the Chicago for an hour before It was confidently expected that the planes, possibly accompanied by the NC-4, would get under way just before sundown to-morrow and reach the city we returned southeasterly and Azores some time Saturday afternoon.

> cluded was our destination. The voyage was without unusual incident, and no unpleasant experiences were recorded. All were quite satisfied and enjoyed the experience immensely. The ed. All were quite satisfied and the Austrian peace terms will be pre-joyed the experience immensely. The sented to the Austrian delegation men were feeling somewhat hungry, as Wednesday. The terms, it is undertheir rations had been used up early

Although Commander Coll reported the voyage was "without unusual inci-dent and no unpleasant experiences were recorded," other members of the

crew were franker.

"The C-5 performed perfectly, all right," said one member of the crew, "but the weather didn't. It was the raughest ride I've ever had." Hastly, lest it seem that he had cast aspersions on the air worthness of the little blimp. on the air worthiness of the little blimp drifting further and further into the northeast, he added emphatically: "This was due to the bumpy condition

### of the air, not to the ship." Shows Quality in Storm.

At all times, he said, the ship showed her quality. The winds on several occa-sions careened the dirigible to one side or the other until the engines choked and stopped, but continued to drone on when the ship righted herself, like a budy in a rough sea. The fog, he added, aided in puzzling the commander when the ship was uncertainly circling about over the island of Newfoundland. She lost nearly two hours. Radio directions from the Chicago complicated matters, for the cruiser sent the bearings of the

APED DIRIGIBLE

IS FOUND AT SEA

sending station from the C-5, and the C-5'e crew interpreted them as the bearings of the bilmp from the station.

On the arrival of the C-5, after twenty-five hours and forty-five minutes in the air, Rear Admiral Spencer S. Wood, commander of the base, greeted Commander Coil as he stepped onto the

Communder Coll saluted and reported : "Sir Lieutenant-Commander Coil re-ports the arrival of the naval dirigible C-5 from New York"
"Congratulations to you and your crew," Admiral Wood responded, re-

urning the salute. Leaving the salute.

Leaving the landing crew making the airship fast, the six weary voyagers were hurried by automobile to the Chicago, where they had a late breakfast and dived into bed. Commander Coll in telling his experiences to naval officers

Safe Conducts Demanded for gave much credit to Lieuts. Lawrence

ship during the numbing cold of the all night journey.

At times the ship made as much as seventy miles an hour, although the verage for the trip, due to the wandering over Newfoundland in the fog, was about 43 miles an hour or 37 knots. The straightaway distance of the route followed by the C-5 from Montauk was about 1,100 land or 960 nautical miles.

# NAVY MOURNS AT HARD LUCK OF C-5

Get Another Blimp Ready Soon, Is Promise.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—"Well," said one high naval official when the news of the loss of the C-5 reached him, "that is all of that. We will get another lirigible ready on the jump, but it is soo bad that luck should fall us when

too bad that luck should fall us when everything looked so bright for a transatlantic trip by the C-5."

The loss of the C-5 was peculiarly disappointing in view of a message received
by the department from the airship's
commander, filed just before the ship
broke away which made it obvious that broke away, which made it obvious that she and her crew were ready to proceed without delay on a direct fight for Europe. The message as made public by the department follows:

"C-5 arrived safely at St. John's at 10 A. M. Trip a complete success. Ready to proceed immediately upon refueling and a few hours rest for the crew. Whole crew in excellent physical condition. No difficulties with navigation ex-cept with making St. John's with ad-verse winds and visibility conditions.

## RACE OF DIRIGIBLES MAY THRILL WORLD British Giant to Start if C-5 Gets Off.

ATLANTIC CITY, May 15.—Information that the British will attempt immediately to make a transatiantic flight with the giant dirigible R-34 if the United States Navy balloon C-5 starts on an overseas trip, aroused great in-terest among the members of the Pan-American Aeronautic Conference here and stirred the officers of the naval air hase at Cape May to begin preparations for the reception of the great airship should she elect to make a landfall on this section of the coast.

The best previous information avails

ble regarding the plane for the voyage of the R-34 was that she would not start until next month, and it was hoped to have landing facilities available here, but until local facilities can be improved the fields at Cape May and at Montauk Point provide the only possible landing places in the United States for a ship of ble regarding the plane for the voyage

Fliers to Oklahoma City. OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., May 15 .- Five De Haviland army planes which left Love Field at Dallas, Tex. shortly after 1 o'clock to-day on the first leg of a cross-country recruiting flight to Boston, landed at Westwood Field here this afternoon. The distance of approxiafternoon. The distance of approxi-mately 200 miles was traversed in a

ittle more than two hours.

The squadron is under the command of Col. H. D. Claggett, U. S. A. S., who plioted the first machine to land. A sixth plane which is to make the Boston flight, was already here, having made the trip from Dalias yesterday. Lieut James Plum, pilot of the seventh ma thine which was selected for the cross country flight, was unable to leave on account of illness, but will rejoin the squedron later.

# TO DISMANTLE GUN PLANTS IN AUSTRIA

Peace Terms to Prohibit Conscription Also as in Germany.

By the Associated Press Panis, May 15.—The Austrian peace delegates elept late to-day in their quar-ters in St. Germain-en-Laye. After arising they went to their offices to pre-pare for the work ahead. The delegates pare for the work ahead. The delegates said they appreciated the dinner served them on their arrival yesterday. No in-spection of their credentials has been arranged yet.

The Austrian peace terms will be prestood, require the dismantling of the famous Skoda works, among other armament plants.

The Skoda armament plant is the most famous in Austria, being to the former Dual Monarchy what the Krupp plant was to Germany. Vienna and Prague. The factory was noted for its production of large calibra howitzers, and these guns were said to have been among the most effective used by the Central Empires in the war. The Austrian delegates strolled freely through the streets and parks to-day, apparently enjoying complete freedom of movement. There are no barriers here like those which surround the German delegates at Versailles. They have made no request thus far to communicate with the German delegation.

The Austrian delegates strolled freely through the Hungaries of the Hunga The failure of the Hungarian Govern-ment to respond to the invitation to send

delegates to France to receive peace delegates to France to receive peace terms and the general uncertainty of Hungarian conditions will probably delay the Austrian peace negotiations, it developed to-day. The problems relating to Austria and Hungary overlap so greatly that the Allies feel that many phases of them must be considered iointly.

tour yesterday of the London sluma royal Irish constabulary, find Barton.

As the car sped down Fleet street and beyond the delegates conversed of Ireton and de Valera in our limousine, with the constabulary were at the top of the lane when, with Barton and de Valera in our limousine, with the constabulary were at the top of the lane when, with Barton and de Valera in our limousine, with the constabulary of the lane when the constabulary were at the top of the lane when with Barton. "and I am perfectly willing to report way." to 20,000,000 of Irish birth in America on the situation of 4,000,000 Irish peo-ple left in the little island as we found

by steam rallway, visiting all sections of the Emerald Isle.

"Over there we chatted with men of all shades of political opinion and religion, large property owners, merchants, manufacturers and leaders of the Irish labor movement. In my opinion Ireliand has a coherent labor movement which has direct connection with the Irish republican political movement. To make sure of having correct information, we called personally upon Lord Mayors, members of councils and heads of trades councils in every city.

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thorities asked the Lord Mayor of Dublin to say a few quieting words and he did with the desired effect. Again and again I saw uharmed Irish volunteers join hands and let the British military pass between them and street crowds."

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disorder anywhere. In fact, we observed no evidence of force or violence except upon two occasions when British troops appeared in the Mansion House Square, Dublin, and later on the outskirts of the city of West Port. My ancestors came from the latter place and I was unable to get in to look at their graves. I might mention that practically every one we met in Ireland had some connection with a brother, cousin or son in the United States and much talk resulted concerning these relatives."

have a full record.

"One curious fact is that even prominent unionists we met objected to partitioning Ireland into two States. As for Mr. de Valera and his associates they are victously against the division of Ireland, and called our attention to the fact that in Ulster they had carried the majority of the counties in the last election."

The delegates said they had left Mr. Lee in Ireland to write up his notes talk resulted concerning these relatives." disorder anywhere. In fact, we ob-served no evidence of force or violence "One curious fac talk resulted concerning these relatives."

Here Mr. Dunne spoke up : "There seems to be an idea that we came across the Atlantic to stir up strife in Ireland. We did nothing of the kind. We came to insist upon the safe passage to France of duly elected representatives of the Irish people to present the case of Ireland to the Peace Conference. John O'Kelly and George Guffin Duffy, advance agent of the Irish government, are already in Paris. We want safe con-ducts across the English Channel for President de Valera, Count George Plunkett and Arthur Griffith." The slums of London were not as

"Now over in Dublin there are probably the worst slums in the world. Mr. Dunne remarked: "I was more struck with Galway falling to pieces from natural decay and graws growing on the street, all due to the decline of

seat and continued on the main theme "If the fact should be," he said, "that we have been instructed by the Irish fors, has advised the population of race convention of America to ourselves trograd to leave without delay, appear before the Peace Conference if possible and act as substitute for the ex-

isting Irish Government to urge recogni-tion of the Irish Republic and secure justice. Before we left Paris we had pastice. Before we left Paris we had assurances there would be no objection to the appearance there of President de Valera and his associates. We know of no change in the attitude of Premier Lloyd George, of whom we asked no special favors.

# "We return to Paris armed with full

authority as counsel for the Irish Re-coupelled to move their positions to public and will call upon Colonel House northward.

and his associates of the American Peace Commission to insist upon the carrying out of our arranged programme. We are not worried about the

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"A striking thing in Ireland is the complete separation of the so-called British Government and people of Ireland. They are seemingly in touch but really they are miles apart. We could not but notice it.

"Take last Friday when the military came to Mansion House to arrest Dr. O'Kelly, Robert Barton and Michael solidiers attempted to break the ring. As for Mr. Collins, who is secretary of the treasury of the Irish Republic, he had appeared that very morning before the Irish Congress and made an extensive report on Irish finances, showing that during the fiscal year the British Empire will collect sixty million dollars in excess of what it spends there.

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By RAYMOND G. CARROLL.

Special Coble Despatch to Tax Sun and the Public Ledger.

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London, May 15.—In company with Frank P. Walsh and Edward Dunne, delegates of the Irish American Societies, your correspondent made a rapid tour yesterday of the London siums. land, their visit and their future plans.

"We have just completed the first soldiers saiuted. Mr. de Valera, his stage of our mission," said Mr. Walsh, "and I am perfectly willing to research."

# De Valera Quieta Crowds.

"When a crowd in Dublin got noisy remarked that a British in "We commissioners are three native spector of police called upon Mr. de wn American lawyers of Irish paren-Valera to quiet them and he did. When born American lawyers of Irish paren-tage. We have spent ten days in Ire-land, travelling upward of 1.200 miles by steam raliway, visiting all sections of the Emerald Isle.

members of councils and heads of trades councils in every city.

"In Ireland we met with an enthusiastic and kindly reception and saw no sign of disturbance or expression of any

Lee in Ireland to write up his notes and that he would follow them to Paris, where the Irish trio expects to remain until the League of Nations asse The American delegates departed this

# **KOLCHAK'S TROOPS** CAPTURE SAMARA

Soviet Advises People of Petrograd to Leave City Without Delay.

LONDON, May 15 .- The troops of Adiral Kolchak have captured Samara, an important city on the Volga River, shipping. It is worse than any shell riddled town in northern France." Mr. Walsh squared himself upon the rear says it learns from a well informed

> The Russian Soviet government, according to reports received at Helsingtrograd to leave without delay. All Government departments will depart from Petrograd by July 1.

Petrograd and Soviet Russia will then be interrupted and the Neva River dis district left unprotected. Gen. Dentkine, commander of the anti-Bolshevik forces, has frustrated by a counter offensive the Bolshevik plan to

bisect his army by capturing Rostov on the Don, at the head of the Sea of Azov. The War Office makes this announcement to-night. The Bolsheviki have been

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them to get on to them.

# DOORS TO GERMANY

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the instant shutting down of food shipments, resulting in an absolute

Germany's situation thus appears hopeless. With her fleet gone she can offer no resistance whatever, and the Allies now have available for chief reasons why the Senate should vene the conference to approve the some raw materials, but these ship- future can repair the damage. ments will stop immediately if the not refuse to sign.

enemies, the Italians. Both groups whole scheme. point out President Wilson's pledges | Thus for the Senate to refuse to the President obviously is trying to to France as evidence, given by the approve Article X. or to attempt to the almost every question in the league's chief proponent, that their change it after the covenant had been treaty to the League of Nations in fled. There is some reason to believe that America would be a limited that the President is going to stress the Balkan situation as one of the It would be impossible to recon-



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patrol duty all the warships that for not change the league covenant, con- changes suggested by America. This merly had to be used for convoy and fessing that as an arbiter here he might be done by members at their patrol duty in the Atlantic. Ger- has falled utterly to give satisfaction, first meeting through the procedura many is already getting food and but insisting that the league in the outlined in the covenant, but in the

Big Four decides to put the block- the Peace Conference that the Ameri- and could not well officially particle ade plans into effect. Naval and milli- can Senate intends to make changes tary commanders already have the in the covenant, even if it finally ap- President Wilson's friends explain it. necessary orders. Knowing this, the proves America's participation in this the Senate must approve the cove-Allies believe that the Germans can new internationalism. These reports nant as it stands. have caused a distinct stir in Wilson The League of Nations covenant is circles. In the first place it is innot having smooth sailing among the sisted by the Wilson League experts make the fight of his life to prevent various delegations of allied counthat if the Senate should change the slightest change, feeling that any tries. Leading Jugo-Slavs here use the covenant the least bit a situation change on top of the scepticism and almost the same phrases of contempt might conceivably be brought about criticism in Europe might mean the for the Wilson covenant as do their which would mean an end of the failure of the entire world league

dea of the league's impotence is justi- adopted here would mean virtually member of the league at best.

event that America had made now Reports are coming continually into conditions she would not be a member pate in this meeting. Therefore, as

> The President, they say, will polnt out all this in his message, and will plan. This is one of the reasons why one way or another, and he is expected to continue this plan in the Austrian, Turkish and Bulgarian

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